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CROP PRODUCTION

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Maryland: Corn, soybean, hay, and tobacco production all decreased in 2001 compared to the previous year according to the Annual Crop Production Report released by the Maryland Agricultural Statistics Service. Information for the report was gathered from over 700 Maryland farmers.

Corn for grain production totaled 55.8 million bushels, down 11 percent from 2000's production of 62.8 million bushels. The 2001 corn for grain yield averaged 136 bushels per acre, 19 bushels per acre lower than 2000's record high yield of 155 bushels per acre. This year's corn for grain yield is the third highest on record. Corn for grain was harvested on 410,000 acres. **Corn for silage** production was estimated at 1.1 million tons, 20 percent less than in 2000. Corn for silage was harvested from 75,000 acres in 2001.

Soybean production is 20.1 million bushels, down 9 percent from last year and the second highest production level on record. Yield is estimated at 39 bushels per acre, also the second highest on record, down 4 bushels from 2000's final estimate of 43 bushels per acre. Soybeans were harvested from 515,000 acres, unchanged from last year.

Alfalfa hay production for 2001 is estimated at 202,000 tons, down 29 percent from 2000's production level of 286,000 tons. Alfalfa hay yield was estimated at 3.1 tons per acre, down 1.3 tons per acre from 2000. **All other hay yield** averaged 2.0 tons per acre, down 0.5 tons per acre from a year ago. All other hay production totaled 320,000 tons, a decrease of 25 percent from 2000's level.

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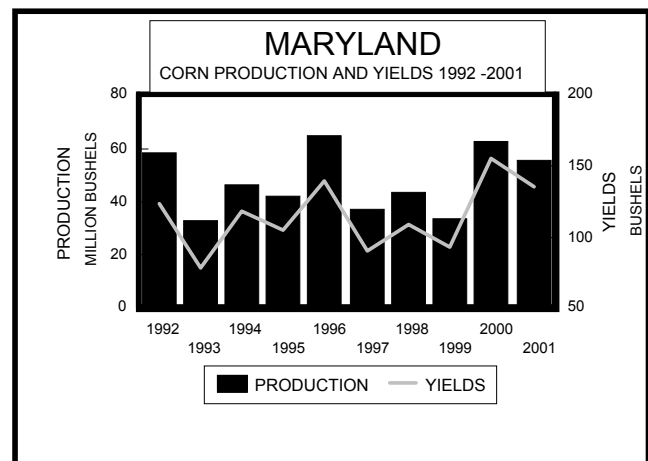
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yield was estimated at 1,450 pounds per acre for 2001, unchanged from last year. Tobacco production came to 2.8 million pounds. Tobacco was harvested from 1,900 acres.

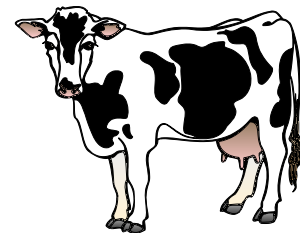
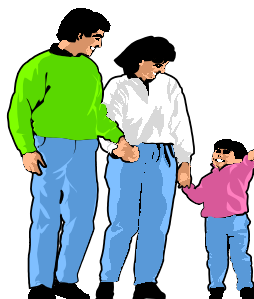
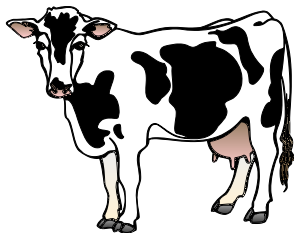
United States: Corn grain production is estimated at 9.51 billion bushels, down 4 percent from the revised 9.92 billion bushels in 2000. This is the fourth largest crop behind 1994's record production of 10.1 billion bushels followed by 2000's and 1998's production.

Soybean production in 2001 totaled 2.89 billion bushels, down 1 percent from the November 1 forecast, but 5 percent above 2000. The 2001 production is the highest on record, followed by the 2000 crop of 2.76 billion bushels. The average yield per acre in 2001 is estimated at 39.6 bushels, 0.2 bushel above the November 1 forecast and is 1.5 bushels above the 2000 yield.



ACREAGE, YIELD, AND PRODUCTION 2000 AND 2001

Commodity	Unit	Planted		Harvested		Average Yield		Production	
		2000	2001	2000	2001	2000	2001	2000	2001
Maryland		<i>1,000 Acres</i>						<i>1,000</i>	
Corn	ACR	480	490	---	---	---	---	---	---
Corn Grain	BU	---	---	405	410	155	136	62,775	55,760
Corn Silage	TON	---	---	70	75	20	15	1,400	1,125
Soybeans	BU	520	520	515	515	43	39	22,145	20,085
Sorghum	BU	10	9	---	---	---	---	---	---
Sorghum Grain	BU	---	---	9	8	84	83	756	664
Sorghum Silage	TON	---	---	1	1	15	14	15	14
Winter Wheat	BU	220	190	200	175	63	63	12,600	11,025
Barley	BU	55	55	50	51	82	75	4,100	3,825
All Hay	TON	---	---	235	225	3.0	2.3	711	522
Alfalfa Hay	TON	---	---	65	65	4.4	3.1	286	202
Other Hay	TON	---	---	170	160	2.5	2.0	425	320
Tobacco	LBS	---	---	5.7	1.9	1,450	1,450	8,265	2,755
Potatoes, Summer	CWT	4.8	4.8	4.7	4.7	260	250	1,222	1,175
United States								<i>1,000,000</i>	
Corn	ACR	79,551	75,752	---	---	---	---	---	---
Corn Grain	BU	---	---	72,440	68,808	136.9	138.2	9,915	9,507
Corn Silage	TON	---	---	6,082	6,148	17	17	102	102
Soybeans	BU	74,266	74,105	72,408	73,000	38.1	39.6	2,758	2,891
Sorghum	BU	9,195	10,252	---	---	---	---	---	---
Sorghum Grain	BU	---	---	7,726	8,584	60.9	59.9	471	515
Sorghum Silage	TON	---	---	262	336	10.6	11.1	3	4
Wheat, Winter	BU	43,393	41,078	35,072	31,295	44.7	43.5	1,566	1,361
Barley	BU	5,864	4,967	5,213	4,289	61.1	58.2	319	250
All Hay	TON	---	---	59,854	63,511	2.54	2.47	152	157
Alfalfa Hay	TON	---	---	23,077	23,812	3.48	3.37	80	80
Other Hay	TON	---	---	36,777	39,699	1.95	1.93	72	76
Tobacco	LBS	---	---	472.4	432.6	2,229	2,314	1,053	1,001
Potatoes, Summer	CWT	66.1	60.9	63.2	58.6	304	309	19.2	18.1



MARYLAND RECORD HIGHS AND LOWS, SELECTED CROPS THROUGH 2001

Crops	Unit	Record High		Record Low		Year Record Started
		Quantity	Year ¹	Quantity	Year ¹	
<i><u>Corn for Grain</u></i>						1866
Acres harvested	Thousand acres	726	1891	328	1957	
Yield	Bushels	155	2000	14.5	1930	
Production	Thousand bushels	70,400	1985	6,554	1930	
<i><u>Soybeans</u></i>						1924
Acres harvested	Thousand acres	570	1993	3	1928	
Yield	Bushels	43	2000	6.5	1930	
Production	Thousand bushels	22,145	2000	32	1930	
<i><u>Wheat</u></i>						1866
Acres harvested	Thousand acres	680	1903	80	1978	
Yield	Bushels	68	1997	11	1866	
Production	Thousand bushels	14,400	1995	2,960	1978	
<i><u>Barley</u></i>						1889
Acres harvested	Thousand acres	96	1985	1	1889	
Yield	Bushels	82	2000	19	1890	
Production	Thousand bushels	5,510	1984	19	1890	
<i><u>Hay, All</u></i>						1919
Acres harvested	Thousand acres	465	1943	200	1998	
Yield	Tons	3.34	1994	0.84	1930	
Production	Thousand tons	910	1958	301	1930	
<i><u>Tobacco</u></i>						1866
Acres harvested	Thousand acres	53	1951	1.9	2001	
Yield	Pounds	1,500	1997	480	1900	
Production	Thousand pounds	46,250	1946	2,755	2001	
<i><u>Potatoes</u></i>						1918
Acres harvested	Thousand acres	52	1917	1.5	1995	
Yield	Cwt.	260	2000	35	1911	
Production	Thousand cwt.	3,682	1917	250	1994	

¹ In case of a tie, the most recent year was used.

SMALL GRAIN SEEDINGS

Winter wheat planted acres for harvest in 2002 is forecast at 195,000 acres, up from 2001 planted acres, and down 25,000 acres from 2000.

United States: Planted area for harvest in 2001 is estimated at 41.3 million acres. This is down 5 percent from 2000 and is the lowest level since 1971. Seeding started last August in the Pacific Northwest, some

Mountain States, and Minnesota, Oklahoma, and Texas. Progress was slow across most of the U.S. due primarily to dry soil conditions. Seeding should finish sometime during February in California. About 98 percent of the U.S. acreage was seeded by December 1. Most remaining intended area is in the Southeast, California Oklahoma, and Texas.

FEBRUARY CALENDAR

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
				1 Poultry Slaughter
4 Dairy Products	5	6 Broiler Hatchery	7	8 Crop Production
11	12	13 Broiler Hatchery Crop Values	14	15 Farm Labor Milk Production
18 HOLIDAY	19	20 Broiler Hatchery	21	22 Chickens & Eggs Farms & Land in Farms Livestock Slaughter
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